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One other matter as to Finance, Mr. Davis of Highflats will draw his own Bill, which, by a mistake of Mr. Brooks's, you may remember, for the quarter ending Sept. 30th 74 was overdrawn by £6-5-0. The Bill therefore which he now draws will be less his quarterly Salary by the same amount, viz: £31-5-0 — 6-5-0 = 25-0-0.

I have already written to you on the action of the Maritzburg Diocese in reference to Missionaries in this neighbourhood. The Finance Committee, in utter ignorance of facts, first recommended the reduction of Wakefield's ~~Salary~~ income, — then the withdrawal of the £76 (his Salary) altogether from Highflats, together with the reduction of Mr. Davis' Salary, who is settling in there, proposing to break without compunction the agreement between him & the Society in England. & recommending a Salary for him which could not possibly suffice to keep him out of debt for his personal expenses; & as a Missionary he must incur a great many expenses that are not personal; they have also proposed a reduction of the sum allowed for School purposes at Springvale. — All this, done as it has been in utter ignorance of the state of affairs, the work to be done, & the increasing demand for fresh work in all directions appears to me to indicate an animus on the part of the Finance Board of Maritzburg Diocese, which the Society should carefully watch.

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This is the last time I shall have anything to do with the finances of my former work. I may say in conclusion, that I find the Mission in debt to me about £60, & probably when I complete accounts to end of year, the debt will be still greater.

I now turn to the finances of the New Diocese. I shall only allude to ~~the~~ my recent very satisfactory visit to Griqualand & Pondoland, because the details will appear in a journal to be forwarded, I hope by next Mail. Neither to the equally satisfactory Synod of Clergy which we have held at Clydesdale, because the details will appear in "The Acts & Resolutions" which are in the press. But I may say something on the subject of finance. It was a relief to pass from the Natal system to come into that of Grahamstown; the latter being founded on principles of friendly consideration & forethought, — the former on such principles as are dictated by narrowminded grasping masters in dealing with oppressed servants. Without at all knowing that the Grahamstown Diocese had adopted such a system of finance, I have always advocated a similar system amongst us. Whilst I have no wish to encourage ~~in~~ our Missionary Clergy any disposition towards extravagant expenditure, on the contrary wishing myself to practise & to urge them to practise all necessary moderation & self denial for the work's sake, I have been always opposed to that miserable system of giving them an income insufficient for their daily wants, which cannot but cause them to feel uneasy, & to enter on occupations without which they cannot live out of debt. The system as worked in worked [?] in Grahamstown & brought before us in Synod is the only right system, if we wish to keep earnest hardworking men in heart, & their minds un-distracted by worldly cares to attend entirely to the duties [?] of their spiritual calling. — I hope the Society will be able

to do all we require to put our present Missions in a really efficient working order.

I am fully alive to the great increase the Synod asks to be made to the Block Grant for Kaffraria, but it is only such an increase as will enable us to put our present undertakings into a thoroughly efficient working order. To extend our work, & I trust GOD does intend us to extend it vastly, we shall require much larger funds.

The Synod asks that Mr. Button should have allowances of the same kind as the other Missionaries. I say in the report which is being published that he finds it hard to keep out of debt; but I may say to you this is said emphatically. He has not been able to keep out of debt, but he is in debt to me only. I hope you will allow the wish of the Synod to take effect; & I may add that to my great satisfaction I hope before long he will be married, when his income is to be £200 a year.

The Synod also requests that Mr. Blount may be taken on the Society's list of Missionaries with an income of £125 & horse allowance £7-10-0. Mr. Blount is an energetic, hardworking man. He has acted as my private Sec: ever since we reached Natal. He can conduct Services in Zulu & is beginning to read Dutch. Indeed in all respects he is a valuable man. He was Sec: to the Synod, & was appointed Diocesan Secretary. The amount of writing & account keeping which devolves on me renders it quite necessary that I should have a Secretary.

The Synod also asks that you would take Mr. Broadbent who is to be shortly ordained, on your list of Missionaries, & give him the same income, viz: £125, & £7-10-0 horse allowance. He has been with me nearly 4 years: is a good Kafir scholar, in thorough sympathy with the people & very much & deservedly beloved by them. During the time he has been with me I have been responsible for his maintenance,

that is, I have maintained him out of my private purse. But now there are so many additional demands on my means I should be very thankful if the S. P. G. would take over a valuable man I have had the privilege of training for the Church. It is decided that he shall go with me to St Johns to read for Orders, & immediately after ordination go to the Tsitsika among a Griqua, Kafir & Suto population. If you could see your way to make him a grant to begin his work at an entirely new centre, it would be a cause for much thankfulness.

The Rev: Wm Ngcwensa is to go with me to the Central Station. This is necessary. He must help me in translations, & in revision of Bible & Prayerbook. And it is intended that Rev: Joseph Ntiko shall also join us to aid in preparing a Xhosa Prayerbook. I hope you will allow Wm the income recommended by the Synod which only brings his income to the scale adopted with the native Deacons in the South. It is found that unless they have such an income they cannot meet the increased expense of living arising from their altered circumstances, & that they must, as Wm has done, have some secular employment, or they are taken away by Govt. to act the part of clerks.

On Sunday last I admitted with two others, a Griqua W. Windvogel to the office of Reader. He is a well educated man, & a first class Dutch interpreter. I often make use of his services in this way. I should be very glad if the Society would allow me an income for him that I may employ him in Church work if it appear desireable.

The greatly increased cost of every article of consumption is felt everywhere. The clergy beg of me to ask that the Society would make an addition of £20 per cent to their incomes, as with all their care they find it difficult to make ends meet.

I trust also the Society will allow the Diocesan

incidental expenses.

There are very many matters which will present themselves in the perusal of the minutes of Synod & in the journal which I intend to ~~send~~ as soon as possible, & which I trust will claim your serious consideration & energetic support.

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Yours very faithfully

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but I have four sons who ought now to be at school; instead of which there seems to be no prospect but that of their growing up in the desert in ignorance.

I am therefore sending you a special application on the subject trusting you will lay it before the Society for their generous consideration.

I have delayed making this application as also sending a report of my work owing to my not clearly understanding the relation in which this newly formed diocese stands to the Society.

Owing to the great increase of cost of living within the last two years I find my stipend insufficient to provide the necessaries of life for my household & have no means of providing for my childrens education.

Believe me
My dear Mr Bullock
Very faithfully Yrs
John Gordon

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All Saints Mission, River Bashee
South Africa. 18th January 1875.

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Sir

I beg respectfully through you Mr Secretary to make application to the Society for the "Propagation of the Gospel" whose Servant I have been for the last 18 years for a grant to aid me in the Education of my Children: I have 7 Children the 4 eldest of whom are boys of 8, 9, 10 & 11 years of age all of whom could I afford it would be at the Diocesan College of St Andrews, Grahams Town; my Stipend barely provides the necessaries of life for my family so I have no means to provide for the schooling of my sons; & my time as well as my Wife's is quite taken up attending to Mission duties consequently we have the discouraging prospect of our Children's growing up in ignorance; I long to send either 2 or 3 of my Sons to the Diocesan Colleges of Cape Town or Grahams Town & any aid the Society could give for this pur-pose would be most gratefully welcomed.

Apologising for the boldness I am using

Believe me

Your very Obedient Servant

John Gordon

The Rev. J. Bullock
Sec to the Society
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EDINBURGH

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2. As to the Diocese of St. Andrews, I cannot as yet give you information. They have not helped us

much hitherto, in consequence of their being an unwillingness to preach at all the S.P.G. But the fact is, Lord Rollo who is (nominally) the Secretary lives in England & the mission organization in that diocese has been hitherto languishing. We have urged on them to have a Diocesan Association connected with our Board but they (chiefly Lord Rollo himself) have objected to this — & I suspect they have fallen between two

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stools. But of course, you must be prepared to a certain extent for the ~~defect~~ S.P.G. contribution, being diverted from you. But I am sure that the whole contribution for Mission work will be greatly multiplied, & ~~is~~ already.

Yrs heartily

Ever yours faithfully

H. [illegible] Edin

Bishop of Edinburgh

P.S. With regard to the question

ATHOLE PLACE
EDINBURGH

You ask me about Greenstock: viz. whether he will have the "power & originality enough to "leave behind him something "like a self dependent community[.]" I certainly think he has — his organization at St Matthews was far superior to that in any other of our Missions — indeed I never saw anything equal to it. I don't quite understand however what his actual work [illegible] will be there — whether among natives or white gold diggers — I do doubt whether he w^d have

quite the same power with the latter class. His mind is one of great originality, almost if not quite amounting to genius: but like some others of that class, it is a *feminine* almost more than a *masculine* mind.

My Tent in Wilderness
Feb. 22. 1875

Dear Mr. Bullock

I am here in the wilderness, having pitched my tent here for ten days, detained by a panic of cattle disease, which prevents my getting oxen to bring my waggons from the Umtamvuna, where they have now been for nearly a month. Such is the slowness of progress in Pondoland! Thanks to the kind friends who contributed to provide me with Mules & Waggon, I could come across the line over which oxen must not pass. And with my daughter & four Tsing-Vole Natives, Mr. Broadbent, and McLoster, a Wesleyan who wishes to join our mission, & who has been working several years among the Pondos. Shepherd

My delay here in Pondoland has not been by any means useless. This neighbourhood

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has been strongly recommended as a suitable site for our central Station. But my own judgement has not fallen in with this recommendation. And I am leaving to day to go some 20 or 30 miles southward to examine another place, which from the description of White Traders I think will be the proper place. The further South I can go the nearer I shall be the center of the Diocese; the real center however is not local. The St Johns, though not locally the center, must be the actual center of Kaffraria in any future development of the country, & will be the most readily accessible.

I write to say that I send to the Bank to day a Bill for the Salaries of the Missionaries. They wished me to draw all their salaries. I must draw now for the end of March. 1875 be-

seeing I shall not have another opportunity because I require the time to have the money deposited in the Bank, but the Bill will not reach you till long after the sums are due. 289

I have drawn

Archdeacon Waters St. Marks & Fingoland	219. 15. 0
Mr. Gordon —	111. 0. 0
St. Albans	13. 12. 6
Mr. Key	79. 7. 6
Mr. Button	37. 10. 0
	461. 5. 0

The salary for keeping wing at St. Albans is not drawn. Neither have I drawn for the additional £700 voted for the Diocese, because I did not know exactly how you would approve of my drawing. You will receive a Copy of Minutes of our Synod, by which you will see that our wants are by no means provided for. The Revd. Wm. Ingerman comes with me from S.A. But not his income. Wim

you taking him on as a Missionary for St Johns
at the income recommended by Synod.
His salary for S.P. ceased at the end of
1874. I shall be obliged to pay him,
& shall be very glad to have your
sanction to draw for him from Jan. 75
Mr. Broadbent's income too I trust you
will take upon you. The ~~[illegible]~~ additional
£200 a year I had before might be
used for a Clergyman from England
at our Central Station. I wish you
could get me the right man for the
place, earnest, good, learned, solid.
I trust the S.P.G. will enlarge our
grant. There is a great work for the
Church to do here. The welcome
we have received from Chiefs & people
& from the white men is remarkable
<u>Do help us to enter this door widely!</u>
<u>It is open</u>. If we can carry out even work
<u>not delaying</u> the scheme proposed by me

With kindest regards to Mrs Bullock, the children & yourself

I am

Yours truly

Henry St. Johns

P.S.

The First Class of Boys, numbering 14 – and, I believe, all the Girls who have been Masters of Special Subscriptions, will accompany us to St. Johns. These subscriptions were fifteen to the Mr. Jenkinson.

I have written to Miss Townsend & she will speak to you & to Mrs Bullock. (Dear Grove) on the mat– ters

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when in England, the Church will be an unspeakable blessing to this country for generations to come. I find the people understand me readily. I had a very satisfactory service with them yesterday, & they appear to feel a truly warm affection for us. Several women have come to say to us good bye, & say it will be very dull when we have left. I cannot enter into fuller detail, but there, S.C. will give you very soon a continuation of my journal.

I intend to go to St. Marks the end of March, & there be absent about 3 months. I want to get every thing in order & started here before I leave.

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St. John's Mission
Pondoland
Kaffraria
via Natal
South Africa
May 31. 1875

My dear Mr. Bullock

As I explained in a former letter I live so far away from the Grahamstown & Natal Banks that in order that the Missionaries may have their several salaries when due, I have to draw on the S.P.G. some weeks before hand, but the Bill will not reach England until after the date when the Salaries have to be paid. I draw, from the Central Station in Pondoland, as under

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I am not yet master of the financial position of the Diocese. You will by this time have received copies of the Minutes of the Board, by which you will perceive that in order to carry out our present work with efficiency we require our grant to be largely increased; & that there are calls in all directions for men & funds to enter into the door which just now in a rather remarkable manner is opening for the Church in this land.

I asked you two questions in a former letter; to one of them you gave an imperfect answer, and left the other unanswered.

1 Whether as St. Albans has not a resident Missionary

~~[illegible]~~ I might expend the undrawn balance for that station or other work in the Diocese

I have sent Mr. Crowley to help Archdeacon Waters, and am responsible for £75 a year to be supplemented by local contributions by £15. Revd Mr. Henry Waters, who has returned from St. Augustine's, Canterbury, is also working at present with father helping him in the overwhelming work he has in hand. I am also responsible for £75 for his annual income. I do not see how it is possible for any one to live on less than £100 a year, & that is not enough. Now what I want is that the S.P.G. would authorise me to expend any sum not drawn of the grant to the Mission of St. Albans (£200), both last year & this, to meet the salaries of these two missionaries, who are both Catechists and candidates for Orders

2 The S.P.G. voted for Kaffraria an additional £200 a year. May I employ this sum for the present to meet the salary of Mr. Oxland, or any other Missionary, for whose salary I am responsible.

3 I see by your printed minutes that £50 has been voted to meet the voyage expenses of Mr. Oxland. I have received no official information of this.

I shall be glad therefore to know whether I may draw for the following amounts to be expended as proposed above.

The unappropriated grant of St. Albans	170 ?
The half year ending June additional grant	100.–
For Mr. Oxland's travelling expenses	50.0.0
	320.0.0

And I would especially request the Society would not allow any grant, annual or otherwise, made to this diocese to lapse through our ignorance of the precise

we may exercise in appropriating it, or from our inability in the undeveloped state of the Diocese to use it at once for the purpose for which it was voted. I trust you will help me in this way in every respect, seeing as you readily will from our report how very heavy my responsibilities are & how small are our capacities.

I would also express my very anxious hope that the Society will so add to our block grant, as to enable me to take on fresh labourers, as well as to meet the expenses of those already engaged.

The following are now on the Society's list.

Revd. L. C. Ayland

Mr. Broadbent, to be ordained Deacon on Trinity Sunday.

Mr. Crawley, to be ordained Deacon as soon as ready.

Mr. H. Waters; who has come out since our Synod & who from his knowledge of the native language has at once engaged in work

Mr. Tobin, Clydesdale, a very useful man, candidate for orders; almost entirely supported by an especial fund

Mr. Windvogel, a well-educated, intelligent, excellent man who was licensed as Reader in December last, & who has given himself up entirely to Church work, & so forgone the sum he was receiving from the Fingoe Government.

The Rev. Wm. Ngcwensa, Deacon who has followed me from Springvale. In future he will be on the Society's list with a small income

which I supplemented. I hope the Society will take him on its list for Kaffraria, allowing him the Income he recommended by the Synod.

W. Hamilton, a valuable painstaking man, sent out & supported by the Scotch Church.

You may say this is a formidable list, but large as the list appears & a great addition to the workers (four) in Kaffraria; the number is as nothing if compared with the work required to be done.

But there is one especial want I must mention. I require a good, earnest man to be Head of this Station. The Bishop is a Diocesan Officer. We require a resident Head here, as I must be frequently absent & for prolonged periods. Mr Dodd of St. Albans would have been very suitable, but it is doubtful whether he will be able to come in consequence of Mrs. Dodd's ill health. A man who has had some local experience would of course be able more readily to enter on the work than a stranger from England.

Whilst on the subject of finance I may allude to a letter from the Bishop of Edinburgh in which he speaks of my having drawn, toward my travelling expenses to England, £200 on account of the Scottish Church. Now I drew only £100 on account of the Scottish Church; & I drew the other £100 on account of the S.P.G., understanding from you that it was a special grant made to me by the Society toward my travelling expenses to England. My impression is that there is some error in accounts which will be corrected by a reference to your minutes.

I have not heard from you whether anything has been paid to the account of Kaffraria as the results of last

Years Day of Intercession, or any thing at the end of the year. I think there must have been as a great many promised aid to the Kaffrarian Church Mission Fund.

omit [I must now say a few words in reference to my old work in Natal. I should not have alluded to the subject, but have allowed events to speak for themselves in justification of the views I expressed in England, had not Bishop Macrorie written me a letter of precisely the same extraordinary character & spirit, as that he wrote when I was in England on the subject of Mr. Davis. I shall not allude to his letter in detail, yet, lest he should endeavour to produce a false impression in England as though I was trying to "fulfil my own prophecy of the breaking up of the mission stations", I will simply state what have been my principles of action.

As the Revd. Wm. Ngcwensa was necessary to me to take the place of Umpengula, I told him he had better accompany me. But he did not want any prompting. I also concluded to take twelve boys who have had special training, & some of whom we hope to be schoolmasters or clergy: and four girls who hold a special relation to us. I also in accordance with my promise at the death of Umpengula allowed Mary & her family to join us.

I asked no one else to accompany me; encouraged no one else; discouraged applicants, advising them to stay & help to carry on the work at Springvale. In a word I have done all in my power to give a permanency to my old work. But you will easily understand that without a corresponding effort on the part of those who have the direct oversight of the work, the efforts of one no longer having any official connection with the people can be of little avail. Mr. Jenkinson is an excellent man in many respects; but he is not one of ready resources or

practical power. When I saw that the work was likely to collapse I wrote to Bishop Macrorie requesting him to come down and consult with me about the work at Springvale & the neighbourhood before I left. But he was unable to come. The result is that there will be a very great scattering of the Springvale people. Many will come to me here; many will come because the Revd Wm. Ngcwensa has come. Some will go to Mr. Button. Some will join Mr. Broadbent whenever he opens a new station. Some will go to the white settlers & live with them as labourers. Now I believe that this might have been to a great extent prevented, had my wishes been attended to.

My impression is that the work at Springvale will fall off very much for some years, & that Mr. Jenkinson will gradually build up another on his own foundation.

It is however quite probable that the very great difficulties in the way of our reaching this place will deter many who otherwise would have joined us. But whether they come here or not, they will not remain long at Springvale.

As to Highflats I was the means of getting Mr. Davis to settle there, in accordance with the object with which he left England, & not Bishop Macrorie. Mr. Davis would have preferred to come with me to Kelfrain, and may yet do so. But he is working, I hear, satisfactorily at Highflats, and is already restoring to somewhat of life the work there which was languishing.

At the risk of wearying you with a very long letter I must allude to another subject.

I did not expect ever to leave Springvale, but thought I should work there to my life's end. I therefore outlaid a considerable sum of money there. I have at Springvale & Highflats private property. At Springvale I have spent almost £1600, & value the property at £1800; a

colonist of experience in such matters valued it at £2500 for a farmer to make a living from. The property of Highflats consists of 3000 acres, on which about £200 has been spent, exclusive of course both as regards Springvale & Highflats of Church Property. I value the Highflats private property at £800. I wish to realise the value of these properties. I think they ought to belong to the Church. Springvale would be greatly inconvenienced as a mission station if the private property were sold or let to any one not a Missionary. And at Highflats either the principle of Stations must be given up, which however would be no bad thing in some sense, or it is absolutely necessary that the land around the Church property should belong to the Church. The Church should be the Landlord. I want to realise this that I may invest the sum to increase my income to meet my necessities here. I consider that by leaving Springvale I really give up a private income of about £250 per annum. I have left in my will £2000 to be used as an endowment to add to the income of my successors in Kaffraria. I should be quite willing at once to make over this sum for the purpose, if I could dispose of this ~~private~~ property with the understanding that I have the accruing interest during my life. Whether this £2000 should go to the Colonial Bishop's Fund, there being now, I understand an interest felt in Missionary Bishops, or whether it should go to some Body of the Province of South Africa, will merit consideration. If this property could be purchased for the Church in Natal it would be a great convenience both to the Missionaries at Springvale & Highflats as well as to myself.

There are other matters connected with my work here about which I should write, but my letter is already very long. Every thing here is very expensive & the difficulties of establishing the mission unexpectedly great, both connected with the disposition of the Chief or [illegible], & with travelling & transport, the details of which I must leave to my Journal.

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South Africa
June 28. 1875

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of our minutes of Synod, & have formed some conception of our pressing needs. The sums contained to the several missionaries, as little received from the Diocese of Grahamstown & Natal are these

St Marks & Fingoland	927.10.0
All Saints &c.	444.0.0
St Albans &c. (No resident Missionary)	54.10.0
St Augustines &c.	317.10.0
Clydesdale.	150.0.0
	1893.10.0

leaving a balance of £436.10.0. This, I presume arises from the £200 to St Albans not appointed, & the additional £200 voted last year for the Central Station of Kaffraria.

I do most earnestly hope, notwithstanding your letter that the Society will be able to grant for 1875 the several sums in full recommended in Synod. But lest there should be any difficulty in doing so, as we are in great want, I write to request you, that if you cannot at once add to our block grant, you will at least allow us to use the balance & make the small addition to it, (£296.2.8) to meet the several needs as set forth in the accompanying schedule.

But it will be necessary for me to make some explanatory remarks.

Mr Button you will at once perceive has received a very different kind & amount of support from the other missionaries. He cannot live on £200 a year. The enormous increase in the price of almost every thing renders it necessary that something should be done for the relief

of the missionaries generally. Their incomes, that of all married men in Priests' Orders should be raised to £200 per annum. And all extras or allowances should be stopped, that is, they should be made in some other way, for I quite agree with you that the principle of allowances is bad, & liable to abuse.

The sum voted by Synod for Mr. Button was voted to him as a single man, — as that to Mr. Oxland was to a Deacon, — and to Mr. Broadbent, as a catechist. Mr. Button is about to be married. Mr Oxland is in Priests' Orders, & Mr. Broadbent in Deacon's.

Mr. Broadbent is about to proceed to a new station. The Griqua Government has made a grant of land, I believe 6000 acres, for the purpose; & will, as soon as we are able to start the work, aid us with a money grant for school & other purposes. As they wish us also to occupy other missionary centres, the station to be occupied almost immediately by Mr. Broadbent, I hope to go to see next week; this and all others, whether under native or other teachers, will be under the general superintendence of Mr. Button for the present. Remembering that Mr. Broadbent has, hitherto, though working diligently in the mission field for four years, been at no charge to the Society, I hope the Society will not only give him the full income recommended by Synod but make him a grant for the general purposes of the mission, viz. for a cottage, for a cart & oxen. He must keep one or two horses to do his work efficiently.

The Rev. Wm. Ngcwensa was at Springvale, and

his income for 1875 was voted by the Natal Finance Committee. I have not drawn it, neither indeed do I know the amount. The St. John's Synod, you will see voted to him as a licensed Native Deacon £90 a year. This is little enough, for he must keep a horse, & incur travelling expenses; & it is most undesirable that our native missionaries should be obliged to supplement their small professional incomes by engaging in secular pursuits.

Mr. H. Waters has come out since our Synod, partly at the Society's expense. But I have advanced £65 to enable him to reach his work, & the Society has not provided for him. He is likely to prove a very useful missionary as he has grown up among the natives & understands their language, & customs. I hope you will refund me the £65, & provide him with £100 a year, the least amount on which he can live.

Mr. Windvogel is an intelligent, well-educated Griqua. He was in the Govt. employ at, about £80 a year, but wished to be engaged in Church-work. He has for some months been a licensed Reader, & acted as my interpreter when addressing a Dutch-speaking congregation. He is a very useful man & in the progress of our Church work will become more useful still. He is now acting as Reader, Catechist, & Schoolmaster at Clydesdale. But it is expected that as our work develops he may go to the Central Station. You will see the importance of securing for the Church the services of such a man. And I would point out to you that, as in the case of Mr. Button, Miss Button, Umfusijela, Wm. Ngqwensa & others, in taking on this man I have been acting on the principle of utilizing the material around me, a principle which I trust the Society will help me to the uttermost to carry out

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Mr. Lavalotte is another example of the same princi-ple. He was trained, I believe, under Archdeacon Waters, at least he had some connection with him. He removed to Fingoland, & opened a school. He has about 60 scholars. He applied to me for Bibles, Prayer books & school materials. I was able to supply him with Bibles & prayerbooks; but I have not yet been able to give him school materials. His pupils are not very regular in their payments, & as he is a decided Churchman, & wishes to maintain his con-nection with the Church, it appeared desirable that I should assist him to a small extent by allowing him £1 a month. I purpose to visit his school next week.

At the Laager, that is, the chief town of Fingoland now called Kokstad, there is a considerable number of Churchmen. It is said 60. They have requested me to set up the Church amongst them, & the Surveyor Genl. has marked a plot in a very eligible situation of about 2 acres of land for the purpose of erecting a Church. I am intending to go to Kokstad next week. The people will help towards the work. But I have not a man at present nor the means of supporting him to place there.

There is evidently a great opening for Church work. If the Church can only avail itself of the open door set before her, she will most assuredly hold a very great place in the minds & affections of the people of Kaffraria. But not only must we be active, but we must be supported by men & by funds from England. The people will do much. It is the principle on which we must act that of inducing them to help

porting their own Church & her Institutions. And they will
do it, & the Governments are disposed to help, whenever
they see work being really done. The Fingoes have given
£900 to the Scotch Free Church to set up amongst
them an Institution similar to that at Lovedale.
It is said the Umpondomisi Chief has given the
Wesleyans an equivalent to £1000 for a similar
purpose amongst them. Archdeacon Waters at a
meeting of his people had subscribed over £200
for a new Church, & the Cape Govt has offered him
£400 a year for an Industrial native Insti-
tution. And this Fingoe Govt as I have pointed out are
most ready to support us to the utmost of their power.
And they have already given me here besides £150 to-
wards the Church here, & £60 to enable me to set
up two dispensaries, here, & the other at Kokstad.
So try to enable us to meet this forwardness on the
part of the people, or the result will be, cannot
fail to be that the Church will lag behind in the back
ground, whilst dissenters will get possession of the
Industrial & Educational Institutions of the
Country.

My own expenses are very heavy. Much heavier
than the highest of my calculations. A great deal
of what I collected in England has been spent in getting
the work going & in paying incomes, that is, current
expenses. So if this man is allowed to be thus ex-
hausted I shall not be able to carry on my work at the
Central Station, which after all, if properly managed
must be the central strength & life of the Diocese. I at

times feel overwhelmed with the magnitude of the charge I have undertaken. Not only is my income considerably reduced by leaving Springvale, but there has been a great loss sustained by the forced sale of our property, & by the destruction of much which could not be removed. I am endeavouring to realize all my Natal Property to be invested for the sake of an Income. I am willing to spend & be spent for the work; but I want you to support me by funds & by men or all my efforts can produce but small results.

I am, my dear Mr. Bullock,
Yours very faithfully
Henry St. John's.

Bishop Macrorie is acting in a most unaccountable manner towards me. I do not in the least understand him. One would think he wanted to quarrel with me. I know not why. I feel sure now as I was then that my request to be allowed the supervision of my old station was both wise & proper; & that his not acceding to my request has made the difficulties of the mission to Kaffraria tenfold & trebled the expenses of establishing the Cathedral Station. It may be desirable bye and bye to forward to you copies of his letters, in which, mixed up with unfounded & absurd charges against myself, he accuses the Society of "robbing" the Church in Natal! He appears to want to create a sensational sympathy for himself as aggrieved.

	For 1875	Required By Grant Per an.
Rev. T. Button, who is about to be married an additional £50 a year, beginning July 1. 1875.	250 0 0	192 10 0
Rev J. O. Oxland, Priest.	125 0 0	132 10 0
Rev F. A. Broadbent Deacon. From Jan 1 to June 30 £40.0.0 to Dec. 31 67.10.0	107 10 0	132 10 0
Rev. Wm. Ngcwensa Native Deacon	75 0 0	90 0
Mr Crawley Catechist.	75 0 0	75 0
Mr. H. Waters.	75 0 0	
Mr. Windvogel. from May 1 at £80 p an	53 6 8	
Mr. Lancelotte Schoolmaster	12 0 0	
Mr. King for two Out Stations	40 0 0	40
	587.16.8	662 10 0
Mr. Gordon for repairs at St. Albans	15.0.0	
Trusting that the Society would aid Mr. King to repair his waggon I have paid him for that purpose	30 0 0	
	632 16 8	

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Archdeacon Waters as you will see in the report of Synod was obliged to meet a deficit of £100 a year. He writes that he is really suffering for want of this sum, & I expected that the vote in Synod would have enabled me to pay him that amount. The Archdeacon is working hard, quite beyond his strength or possibility of continuance. He asks further help. I have already given him Mr. Crawley, & if I can get any one for the Central Station propose to send Mr. Oxland to Griqualand. I hope you will grant him for 1875 this £100, making a total of £732.16.8. that is £296.6.8 above the balance not appropriated. If the

Society will allow me this sum for 1875 I will endeavour to make up the several amounts voted to the different Missionaries by the Synod, from other means.

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somewhat different system.

The several missionaries wished me to draw for them all, & to pay them the amounts due to each. This I agreed to do, but practically we found it extremely inconvenient, for I had to draw six weeks before their incomes were due, & by doing that did not always ensure the payment into the Grahamstown Bank in sufficient time for them to draw their salaries. We have therefore concluded for each Missionary to draw his own income & you will receive Bills from each accordingly for this Quarter. When we have a greater readiness of communication, it will probably be better to revert to the old system, as it brings the Bishop & his clergy into more intimate relations with each other.

I will now proceed to the accounts. It appears that the following sums were voted by the Synod, sitting as a Finance Committee, & you will observe that the several sums voted are the same as were voted to the several stations by the Dioceses of Grahamstown & Natal.

	£	s.	d.
The Venble Archdeacon Waters	879.	10.	0.
Revd John Gordon	444.	0.	0.
All Saints — Native Teachers &c.	54.	10.	0.
Revd B. Key	317.	10.	0.
Revd J. Button	150	0.	0.
Total voted £	1845.	10.	0
The S.P.G. Block Grant	2180.	0.	0.
Total voted	1845	10	0
Undrawn Balance £	334.	10.	0

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This undrawn balance you allow me to appropriate to Mr. Oxland, Mr. Crawley, & Mr. H. Waters.

Mr. Crawley's Income from June 30, is provided for by a grant from the Cape Government,

I have paid as under.

		£	s	d
Mr. Crawley.	6 months at £75 per annum	37.	10.	0
Mr. H Waters	3 months at £75 per annum 3 months at £80 — " }	51.	5.	0
Rev.d J. O. Oxland	9 months @ £150 per annum	112.	10.	0

I suggest the remaining unexpended balance may be used as follows.

		£	s	d
Mr. H. Waters	3 mo. at £100 - - - - - - - - - -	25.	0.	0
Rev.d J. O. Oxland	3 mo. at £150 - - - - - - - - - -	37.	10	0
Rev.d T. Button	£50 per ann: additional for 3 mo: - - -	12.	10	0
Rev.d F. A. Broadbent	- - - - - - - - - -	58.	5.	0
	Total. £	334	10.	0

The last two items are the only ones you will question but I hope you will admit them, Mr. Button is doing a great work; the largest in the Diocese next to St. Marks. His expenses are great & his income should be equalized with that of the other Clergy. Mr. Broadbent though not on the Society's list came out at the Society's expense & has been receiving a training & doing a very real & earnest work without any cost to the Society's funds. I have given him out of my private means £75 a year, I have now placed him on the Inseka, & the small sum of £80 a year I have not been able to give him anything, or scarcely any thing, to start with. & he has been willing in faith to undertake the journey, & to begin in a hut, & in self-denial & poverty to endeavour to do a work for God

God among the heathen tribe of Usidai; Such a man ought to be supported; He has been to me a son for years, & I have the greatest confidence in him as a chosen instrument to do a great work for the Master. I hope you will not only allow me to give him this sum of £58.5.0, but take him on as one of your Missionaries next year at an income of £125 a year until he is in Priests Orders & if you would make him a small grant for starting it would be a great benefit

The Revd Wm Ngcwensa has been working for Kaffraria but left for Springvale & has not yet returned after an absence of several months. I have paid him at the rate of £40 a year, but he cannot live on that I hope you will give him a salary for Kaffraria £90 - ye

For the next year I would suggest the following appropriation of the £2180.

	£	s.	d.
Archdeacon Waters	819.	10.	0.
Revd J. Gordon	444	0.	0.
Mr H. Waters who is to be ordained early in 1876	125.	0.	0.
	54.	10.	0
St Albans native teachers	317	10	0
Revd B. Key	200.	0.	0
Revd J. Button	160.	0.	0.
Revd J. O. Oxland			
	£ 2180.	10.	0

But I would very earnestly press on the Society to increase largely the block grant to this diocese, if that is not the case we must retire from centres we are beginning to occupy. I would refer you to minutes of Synod from which you will see that Archdeacon Waters' excess of expenditure over income is as much as £214.10.0. This he has to raise by local contributions, which are always uncertain. He asks for £100 more. & the remaining sum £114.10 & he thinks he can raise.

I have just returned from visiting Clarkebury & Tsolo(?). The work is extensive & he has a great deal too much to do and

and is largely carried on by native agency; natives require constant supervision, & his work consequently involves much travelling which is expensive. I must send you a detailed statement of my visit by next mail if possible. I must return to finance.

The following ~~new~~ workers have entered on Church work in the Diocese since my return

Griqualand —

Clydesdale —	Mr Tonkin,	Special Fund
	Mr Windvogel, ✠	
	Mr Hamilton,	Scottish B. M.
Kokstad —	Mr Dixon,	
	Miss Kirkpatrick, ✠	
New Kokstad —	Mr Lovellott ✠	
Ensikeni —	Revd I. A. Broadbent, ✠	

Pondoland —

St Johns' —	Revd J. O. Oxland.	S.P.G. —
	Revd Wm Ngcwensa, ✠	
	Miss Phillips,	Ladies Assoc.

St Marks —

Mr Crawley	Govmt Grant

All Saints —

Mr H. Waters	S.P.G.

To pay the incomes of these several missionaries we require £972 per ann: of this sum only £585 is provided for. Those marked thus ✠ require funds for their support. Mr Dixon is engaged in trade, but wishes to give himself up entirely to mission work, as soon as he can have an income. We are hoping to get a continually increasing local support. There is also reason to believe that the Native policy of

of the Cape Government will ensure liberal support for our Schools & Training Institutions; but the Government expects to see work beginning before they will aid it

I enclose for your information a copy of a letter written to Mr Swabey which will enable you to comprehend the great importance of the work of this diocese, I do trust that the Societies will put us into a position to occupy at once the various posts which are ready for us

I may as well mention that Mr McClay of St Augustine's College proposes to join us shortly. I saw him at St Augustines, & he has written to me, & I have told him to see the S.P.G. Committee before coming out. I am sorry I forgot to send Mr Crawley to you. But it was simply a slip of memory He is filling a very useful post at St Marks & giving great satisfaction to the Archdeacon. Mr Jonkin is also giving great satisfaction at Clydesdale: although supported by a special fund. I wish he & Mr Hamilton could be taken on the list of S.P.G. Missionaries We find everything in Pondoland so slow, that I have concluded for the Principal Boys to remain with Mr Hamilton under Mr Button at Clydesdale & for a Boys Institution to be set up as soon as possible there. It is even doubtful whether this can be the Central Station, But I shall be able to determine soon

I have drawn the £50 to reimburse me for Mr Ogland's travelling expenses, & also £125 for my 3 months salary ending 31 October I sent the ordinary letter of advice by the same mail as that by which I forwarded the Bill

As to the private property at my old Stations.

The Springvale Farm was a grant of 3000 acres to

to me as a private colonist. I divided it into two parts, the natural boundary being the river Msunduzi that I might be able to make a comfortable dwelling for ourselves on private land, as I had no funds to build a mission house on public land. The one portion I have given to the Church, & spent on it all moneys either granted by public bodies or raised by myself amongst the friends of missions; on the other portion I expended funds of my own, I handed over to the Church in round numbers 1300 acres with buildings on it which cost about £400, & besides the School Chapel in enclosed Churchyard which cost about £600, that is in all about £1000. My private house is close to the School Chapel & is enclosed with about 40 acres of cultivated orchard & arable land which was retained in my own possession besides that portion of land separated by the river. I supposed that if on the occasion of my own death or of my leaving for any other cause, if I could not conveniently afford to give it to the Church, it would be bought or rented by the incoming missionary; on the 1700 acres beyond the river there are two cottages, an enclosure used as a sheep pen and about 64 acres of land well enclosed & under cultivation. The expenditure on my house with its outhouses, & on enclosing the lands &c has been about £1600. The 1700 acres at the Govnt upset price is worth £340. This I had verbally given to Miss Button. What I ask for it is £1800. As I said in a former letter a Colonist estimated it at £2500. But by £1800 the money expended on it by me would be just returned to me.

2. I can give a perfect title to the property
3. The land was a free grant on the Quitrent principle. The surveying expenses, & quitrent is all I have paid on it, besides what I have expended in improvements.

The Highflats Property I bought. It consists of 6000 acres, — that is two farms of 3000 acres each — On one I established the mission, the other I let to a tenant, who has just purchased it for £1000

On the Mission Farm as I have called it, I have set apart a piece of land about 60 acres which is almost completely enclosed which I called the Glebe. Within this I erected the School Chapel, which cost about £500 & the printing office & cottage, which cost about the same sum. This property I have given to the Church, viz: a value of about £1100. The rest of the farm with what I have spent on it (about £200) in enclosing & making watercourses, is worth £800, Mr Walker purchased a portion, I do not know yet how much about 400 acres which was adjoining his property, that he might have a natural boundary between the two estates.

In selling this I reserved all benefits for what I hope will become mission property. The rent paid by natives residing on the mission farm will be about £40 or was that when I left; but the natives are a fluctuating people. The farmer who has purchased the other farm writes that he proposes to drop stock farming & to allow natives to locate themselves on the farm. by whose rents he expects to raise enough to pay the interest of his purchase money.

You

You will see by the above statement that I hand over to the Church, property worth about £3100, (not reckoning the 1300 acres given at Springvale (£260)) which has been made by myself, that is by my exertions, and that the private property on which I have spent my own money I value at £2600. I have no doubt that it is of a much greater value, & that the value in the course of time will increase; & men of business advise me not to part with it but wait for a rise in value, but I wish to gather all my property into a narrow compass that it may cause me as little anxiety as possible, & make such an investment as shall yield a fixed income.

You will see the £500 for printing office & cottage must be left at Highflats; I cannot take away the buildings. But it is hoped that we shall reproduce the Printing on a larger & more important plan on the Umtata.

As they are proposing, I hear from Mr Davis, to use these buildings for a Boys Institution. I think the Diocese of Maritzburg should refund me the cost of the Building, as I shall require it at my Central Station.

I shall wait for your authority to draw the sums as given above.

You may like to hear that during my late visitation I confirmed 421 mostly natives, and early in this year 81 at Clydesdale, making a total of 502. I have appointed 5 Catechists, & ordained 1 Priest & 1 Deacon.

I am, my dear Mr Bullock,

Yours faithfully

Henry C. Wheeler

P.S.

P.S. I see I have omitted to answer your P.S. & must add one of my own

I have lately been to Mr Gordon's. I think I may say it is the best ordered station in Kaffraria. Others are larger, but every thing at All Saints appears to be in its place. The family too is equally well ordered. I spoke of you remember when I was in England of the importance of doing something to secure the regular education of the children of missionaries. Mr Gordon does what very few men can, spends a certain number of hours a day in teaching his children as well as taking a part in the Native School. I am most anxious to commence a good school for boys & girls on the Umtata, but this cannot be done very quickly And if you would make him a grant or in any other way enable him to send at least ~~the~~ the two ~~of the eldest~~ of his boys to Grahamstown, it would be a very right thing to do & a very proper expenditure. Mr Waters has not a large family, only one boy, & three daughters One is married to Mr Key, the second is engaged in the mission work with her father; the youngest is attending a school on the station where instruction is given by native teachers! It was curious to see the little white girl in the class of Native Children & not head of the class; You see Mr H. Waters, though an excellent man & one that will make a good missionary is not educated, And this is what I see, it is very few children indeed of missionaries that are taught Help me to get up as soon as possible higher schools for Boys and for Girls, They would be an inconceivable blessing

blessing to coming generations. There are various Diocesan expenses which I have to meet – Synod Expenses – Insurance of property &c. (I have just paid on this account £18.16.6) travelling expenses of Missionaries on duty &c. &c. — see page 38, minutes of our Synod

How am I to meet these? The Block grant cannot bear them, neither apparently can I use it for such purposes.

I wish you could make a grant for such purposes, & for such cases as that of Mr. Gordon's boys & Archdeacon Waters youngest daughter, and also allow a certain sum for me to use to meet emergencies: the opportunity past is often past for ever. I know this was constantly the case in my old Mission in Natal. Do not let it be repeated here.

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St. John's Mission
Pondoland
Kaffraria
South Africa
29 Sept. 1875.

My dear Mr. Swabey

I have been travelling during the last fourteen weeks through the Diocese from the Umzimkulu to the Kei, & returned last Friday. This is the reason for not answering earlier your letter of June 10th /75. for the post is so irregular, & does not reach most of the places where I have been travelling at all, thus no letters were forwarded to me in my absence.

I would thank the Society and the Archdeacon through me for the grant of ~~books & Scripture prints for Mr Gordon~~ £100 for the Church at St. Marks; and also for the grant of books & Scripture prints for Mr Gordon. I have now visited almost every place where any Church work is going on, the only exception is some out-stations under Mr. Archdeacon Waters, And if before the visit I felt the vastness of the work, I feel it much more now. During my visit I confirmed 421 mostly native adults, & administered to a large number of communicants, sometimes more than 100 at a time. There had been a great work done, but after all it is but a very small work compared with what remains to be done, and there are large tracts of territory as yet not even visited by the Church, & where the onward movement of the people is loudly demanding the guidance of Christian Pastors.

It appears to me that there is an unusual desire amongst the people to have our Church settled amongst them and I

have ventured, trusting to the liberality of the Society & of the friends of Missions, to make promises of aid to meet local exertions

1 On my visit to Kokstad, Griqualand East, the largest town indeed one might almost say the only town in Kaffraria, & the most advanced, I had a paper presented to me signed by 30 persons, asking me to begin Church work amongst them. We had a meeting at which it was concluded that I should advance £50 to meet £50 raised by the people. Two white men had willingly surrendered to the Government, two erven of land in the best situation in the town for the purpose of building the Church & Schoolrooms, and the Government had given it to the Church. It was concluded that at present it would be best to build a schoolroom 30 ft × 20 of brick & when things are more developed to build a Church. Mr Dixon, a young married man, formerly with Canon Beckett in Orange Free State is anxious to take up Church work again & ~~will undertake the School, & study for orders~~. He is not at present receiving any salary. I have sent Miss Kirkpatrick up, at £60 per annum, one of the ladies who came out with us & she has already opened a school in a room in Captn Kok's house, & had 28 Children on her list, when I visited the school there were 13 present. The teaching is very elementary.

2. Archdeacon Waters' continually extending work requires a continual increase of funds. You will be glad to hear that the Cape Government has granted him £400 a year for a boys' Industrial Training Institution. Mr Crawley who came out with me is placed there & is doing his work as superintendent of the boys with great satisfaction to the Archdeacon. They are occupying at present a small, inconvenient temporary building but it is important to build better, & I have promised £100 to meet Government grant. There are 21 boys already there

there, & each is expected to pay £5 to £[illegible] annually in advance

Whilst speaking of Archdeacon Waters, I will reply to the queries in your letter by copying from his letter to me

"I beg to inform you that the grant of £100, made in 18[illegible]
"and of which I drew only £25, I understood to have [illegible]
"the application for £200 made through your Lordship
"for the following Chapels, viz:"

"1. St. Andrews, near St. Marks, 40 ft. by 20, built of stone, now ready for the roof which will be of iron."

"2. St. Edmunds, Fingoland, 60 ft by 20 of brick & stone foundation laid, roof of iron"

"3. St. Marys, Fingoland, 60 ft by 20, of brick with iron roof. Bricks are burnt, ready for use"

"4. St. Michaels, Fingoland, 60 ft by 20, to be of stone with iron roof."

"I beg leave through your Lordship to thank the S.P.C.K. for "the grant of £100, towards the new Church at St. Marks which "will probably be 90 ft by 30, But plans have not yet been arranged for"

Whilst visiting the Archdeacon's Schools he requested me to ask the Society to make him a grant of books, a list of which he presented, I wrote a note to you asking you to make the grant.

He has also applied for Hymn Books & Dutch Prayer Books which will be sent to him from here from the grant made to me by the Society when I was in England, & which I found had just come to hand, on my return last week.

3 On the Umtata there is a large number of Whites collecting, it is said that 126 families are settling on that river, Between that & the St. Johns or Umzimvubu, there are probably 250 child[illegible]

of Europeans or of mixed parentage, who are receiving no instruction and scarcely any religious training. The consequences of this cannot but be injurious not only to them directly, but also to the Natives & to mission-work amongst them. Several Churchmen on the Umtata, whom Mr. Key of St Augustines has visited generally once a month, have for some time been desirous of building a Church there. On my way to St Marks I stopped there, & saw a great many of the people. They had formed a Committee, with Sec: & Treas: & it was agreed that on my way home we should have a meeting. We had a meeting accordingly, they presented a subscription list shewing £125, & I promised them £100 to meet that sum.

But here a difficulty presented itself which I had better mention. A more intimate knowledge of the Diocese makes it appear doubtful whether this site on the north of the St Johns is proper for the Central Station. The St John's River is the natural centre of Kaffraria, & when the river is taken over as it no doubt soon will be, by the English Government roads will be made for the landing north & south & it will be the great centre of trade. But at present the approaches to the river are so difficult, & the cordon which Pondo policy has drawn around the country, making all travelling with it from other parts extremely difficult & tedious, & expensive too, renders it undesirable to place the Central Station in a position which practically is so difficult of access. It would have been simply impossible to have done the work I have done in visiting the diocese without mules, & these have been very expensive indeed; but without them I could not have done the same work in three or four times the number of months, & in many instances could not have done it at all. I am therefore inclined to think that the prope

centre for our work is the Umtata. I am three days nearer the Kei than I am here, and the distance to the Umzimkulu by the inland road which does not pass through Pondoland at all, is not greatly increased, being six full days, instead of five days, in two of which are short journeys only necessary. It is therefore still under discussion whether I shall go to Umtata or not. If I go the money collected by them with the £100 I promised will probably be used to build the School for the School College; which we want to get into working order as soon as possible as there are a great many waiting to be admitted into it

The Pondos are not to be neglected, but it appears very clear that they are not in so advanced a position as tribes around them to the North or to the South, & that elementary Schools & missions are the most suitable for them; whilst advanced Schools & a Training College would be worked with much greater facility in some other part

This mission will go on, & the Pondo Chief & others are anxious to send their children as soon as we can receive them. And I have applied for another station on the Mceba.

We are intending to have a Girls School here at once; and the boys Institution, of which the Springvale Boys will form the nucleus, is to be begun at once at Clydesdale.

During my recent visit at the Kofanwaba a deputation of Fingoes waited on me requesting me to intercede for them with the Government for protection from a native Chief who was oppressing them. They wanted to build a Church, but are prevented from doing so by the hostile attitude of the Chief. At present there is a native teacher there, & a native hut is used for Church. I confirmed seven natives there & administered Holy Communion to about fourteen. They are prepared to raise £25. I promised to give £25 in aid. With this they will build a nice little Church. Mr. Fynn the British

British Resident is willing to help
Thus you see I have made myself responsible for £250, acting on the principle of helping those who are ready to help themselves
I would say a word about Mr. Gordon, All Saints, This is perhaps the best ordered Station I have met with in Kaffraria. There are larger numbers elsewhere, & a greater number of out Stations in connection, but there is an order & system here very remarkable
Since being at All Saints, he has baptized 271. — 99 have been confirmed, & there are 139 communicants, He has one out station about 20 miles off. under the charge of a native teacher
He has received only £90 from the Society, — £50 for his house & £40 for a temporary building put up for the accommodation of Messrs Dodd & Key. He has five children. His house is too small, & a portion of it ruinous, Could not the Society make a grant of £50 to put his house in repair & rebuild a portion of it. He requires £150
I have already written on the subject of the Bible & Prayer book, My visit among the Xosa-speaking natives has been attended with important results, I was only partially acquainted with the Kxosa dialect, but my knowledge of the allied Zulu enabled me to see that the Translation of Prayerbook, required revision. I had continual conversations with the several missionaries the native Deacons, & other natives, & they all agreed with me in the alterations I suggested. It appeared to me that it would be desirable to get the two Prayer books, the Zulu & Kxosa revised. I was requested to undertake the revision with the aid of Natives & all other aid I could obtain; & as Mr. Key is proposing to go to England in March, to ask the Society to print them under his supervision, It would be a great diminution of expense, & Mr Key

would ensure correction of the press.

You in England with your power of rapid transit can scarcely conceive the trouble attendant on the difficulties of getting from place to place in this country. My printing apparatus, type &c. are still at Highflats. The Gospel of St Mark is passing through the press. But it takes two or three weeks for letters to pass from one place to the other & to be answered, & this is a very serious matter in reference to the correction of press. I shall get it removed as soon as possible & then I hope we shall get on better.

I fear you will think me a very importunate beggar. but it is painful to travel about this country & to see the need, spiritual & educational every where, without making an effort to stir up the minds of those in England to help us in our poverty out of their abundance.

I am Yours faithfully
Sd. Hy. St. Johns.
Bishop for Kaffraria

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St Augustine's
Umtata
Kingwilliamstown
~~Sept~~ 30. 1878

To the Secretary
S.P.G

Sir,

At the ~~request~~ of the Bishop of St John's I ~~have~~ drawn a bill for my salary & ~~that~~ of my native teachers, payable to the order of the Oriental Bank Grahamstown, — as follows

Salary (self) –	£ 56 " 5
Incidental exp:	11 " 17 " 6
E. Kanyangwa	2 " 10
M. Rolinyati	3
Pupil teacher	– 15
Joseph Banga	5
	£ 79 – 7 – 6

for the Quarter ending Sept 30

1875

Sir

Yr obedient Servant

Branch Key

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Quarter ending Sept 30

I am

Sir

Yr obedient Servant

Francis Ney

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DIOCESE OF S. Johns Kaffraria

No. 32220

Sept. 30 1875

DEAR SIRS,

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I am, dear Sirs,

Your faithful and obedient Servant.

Henry St. Johns

To the Treasurers of
The Society for the Propagation
of the Gospel in Foreign Parts,
19, Delahay Street, Westminster, London, S.W.

No. of Bill.	DATE.	PAYEE.	
701	Sept 30 1875	Henry St. Johns – 3 months Salary ending Oct. 31. 1875 Towards Voyage Expenses of the Revd. J. O. Oxland	12[illegible] 17[illegible]

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Quarter ending Sept 30

Sir

Obedient Servant

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No. of Bill.	DATE.	PAYEE.	AMOUNT. £	s.	d.
701	Sept 30 1875	Henry St. Johns – 3 months Salary ending Oct. 31. 1875	125	–	–
		Towards Voyage Expenses of the Revd J. O. Oxland	50	–	–
			175	–	–

yourself on the matter;

Diocese of

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		From.	To.	£	s.

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All Saints Mission
Rosa Bank
Kaffraria
11th October 1875

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Revd. & Dear Sir, 22/11 cp

Early this year I made a respectful application to the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel" through yourself, as Secretary, for its aid in educating my children; I also addressed a private note to yourself on the matter.

As up to the present time no answer has

been received to either of
these communications
& as tis matter of great
import to me to know
the decision of the Society
I venture again to address
you & remind you of the
matter as I fear in the
midst of your numerous
duties the letters above
alluded to have been
overlooked: I thought
it just possible that as
you have not written to

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me. You might have communi-
-nicated with our Bishop
but his lordship tells me
such is not the case.–

Trusting to receive an
early reply & hoping you
will excuse my seeming
importunity.

Believe me
Rev & dear Sir
Yrs respectfully & obediently
John Gordon.

The Rev
W. T. Bullock
Sec S.P.G.

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DIOCESE OF St. Johns Kaffraria South Africa

No. 702

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St. Johns Mission

Nov. 5 1875

DEAR SIRS,

I beg leave to inform you that I have drawn upon you under-mentioned Bill at 30 days' sight for £ 37 " 10 " 0 on account of the Society's Grant for the Diocese of St. Johns Kaffraria for the Quarter ending June 30 1875 which amount has been appropriated to the Missionary named in the annexed statement.

I am, dear Sirs,

Your faithful and obedient Servant.

Henry St. Johns

To the Treasurers of
The Society for the Propagation
of the Gospel in Foreign Parts,
19, Delahay Street, Westminster, London, S.W.

No. of Bill.	DATE.	PAYEE.	AMOUNT. £	s.	d
702	Nov. 5 1875	The Natal Bank on a/c of the Rev. T. Button, Clydesdale Umzimkulu	37	10	-

This amount is drawn on a/c of the Quarter ending June 30. 75; as the Bill drawn for this quarter was for the Increases only of the Southern Clergy, bearing date May. 1875 and amounting to £ 461. 7. 6

Diocese of

NAME OF MISSIONARY.	STATION.	Period of Service for which Payment is made. From.	To.	Amount of Payment. £	s.	d.

Natal

in favour of the Oriental Bank
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draw so long before the amount was
due, in order that the several
missionaries might receive their
income on June 30. It not being
necessary for Mr. Button's income
to be drawn at that time, it was
forgotten until making up the
books, when it was found that
he had been paid without the amount
having been drawn from S.P.G.
Henceforward the several missionaries
will draw their own income

Yours faithfully

Henry F. Jobes

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St. John's Mission
Pondoland
via King William's Town
South Africa
2 Dec. 1875

My dear Mr. Bullock
Mr. Key of St. Augustine's Mission has asked for six months' leave of absence in England. He has now been eleven years in South Africa, labouring diligently; although therefore it is difficult to spare him from our small number of labourers, I have given him the leave asked for. He has also asked me to apply to the S.P.G. for the expenses of his journey. Whilst in England he would gladly at-

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having been drawn from S.P.G.
Henceforward the [illegible]
[illegible] this [illegible]

Yours faithfully
Henry P. [illegible]

Dear Sir,

I have to inform you that I have drawn upon you at 30 days sight for £ on account of the Society's grant for the Diocese of for the 18 which amount has been duly authorised annexed statement.

I am, dear Sir,

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To the Treasurer of
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tend missionary meetings and give an account of his experience. I hope the S.P.G. will allow him his expenses. If so would you be good enough to send him a blank form of Bill for the amount with as little delay as possible, as he wishes to leave in March.

We are consulting about a revision of the Kafir & Zulu Prayer books. If it could be completed whilst Mr. Key is in England, it might be forwarded to him & printed under his supervision there. He is a good Kafir scholar.

Yours faithfully

Henry P. Jolen

I am sending my journal to

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Miss Townsend, and hope by next mail to have a Report ready for you. I write this note to save time.

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St Johns Mission
Pondoland
Kaffraria
via King Williams Town
South Africa

Decr 24 1875

My Dear Mr Bullock

In my letter of Septr 30 I recommended the mode in which the unappropriated balance of the S.P.G grant to Kaffraria for 1875 - £334.10.0 should be expended; but did not immediately draw awaiting your sanction. But as I am about to go to Capetown to attend the Provincial Synod. I conclude to draw at once, as it is necessary to leave money in the Bank, & there is no question as to the amount, but only as to its expenditure.

The expenditure of the balance recommended was as follows

Mr Crawley	6 mo at £75 p.a to June 30. 75	£37. 10. 0
Mr H Waters.	5 mo at £75 p.a £31.5.0 3 mo. at £80 p.a. £20.0.0 to Septr 30 75	£51. 5. 0
Revd J O Orland	at £150. 0. 0 9 mo to Septr 30	£112 10 0
	3 mo to Decr 31	37. 10 0
Mr H Waters	3 mo to Decr 31	25. 0. 0
Revd J. Button	Raising his income to £200 from Oct 1 to Decr 31	12. 10. 0
Revd J. A. Broadbent		58. 5. 0
		334. 10 0
I also drew for "appropriated fund placed at my disposal		31. 18. 5
My own Salary to Jany 31. 1876		125 . 0. 0
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NAME OF MISSIONARY. | STATION. | is made. | of Payment.

The £31. 18. 5 I purpose to apply towards the outfit and expenses of voyage of Mr H Waters, amounting to £65.

The finance of the Diocese is my great trouble I cannot do the needful work without very much larger funds. I can face work, whether at home in the study, or in travelling, though the latter very much wearies me. But I cannot face the money difficulty. For it seems to me that it is of very little use for me to be here at all unless I can extend the Church's work, and yet unless I can ~~extend the Church's work~~ get larger funds it will be necessary for me to retire from some centres we are beginning to occupy. And it appears to me that the Diocese is likely to fall between two stools. If the S.P.G. in order to force the S.B.M to a greater exertion on behalf of Kaffraria, refuse to aid the Diocese, the work must remain undone.

The additional work which has been taken up since I entered on the work in Kaffraria is as follows.

<u>Clydesdale</u>

Mr Tonkin, Schoolmaster & Catechist	£15.0.0
Mr Windvogel " " and Dutch Interpreter	£80.0.0
C. Heber (a Springvale Boy) Pupil teacher	£20.0.0

<u>Harding</u> Sunday Services once a month if possible

<u>Ensikeni</u>. A new Station amongst the people of Umdoi

Revd F. A. Broadbent	£80.0.0
Two Springvale Boys, pupil teachers	40.0.0

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Kokstad

Mr Dixon is engaged in trade, but is anxious to take Holy Orders, I could not offer him an income, and he has agreed to wait 18 months, in order that I might endeavour by an appeal to the Societies to get him taken on as a Missionary. He is acting as Reader & Catechist.

Miss Kirkpatrick has opened a School there £60.0.0

The people have agreed to raise £50 for a schoolroom I giving £50 £50.0.0

But what is wanted for Kokstad is a thoroughly good, experienced Priest under whom Mr Dixon might work, for a time as Schoolmaster & Catechist for Holy Orders; and to open a Boarding School for Boys & Girls

Near Kokstad

Mr Laverlotte to enable him to carry on a school, books &c £12.0.0

St Johns

Here we have had many trials, & very heavy expenses. We have a fluctuating School and Church

Revd J. O. Orland (now married)	£150.0.0
Mr Hamilton (to be £100, 1876)	75.0.0
Miss Phillips	45.0.0
St Marks (For Girls Institution)	£100.0.0
Mr Crawley Catechist	37.10.0
Mr Henry Waters	76.5.0
St Augustines	
Native Teacher	18.0.0

The above account does not include the travelling expenses &c, which have been incurred for each Missionary before reaching his final destination. Miss Phillips accepts nothing but her board from the Mission.

It will be observed in the above report that the additional work has been undertaken principally in the north of the Diocese. This has arisen both from the fact of my having been to a certain extent committed to undertake additional work in Griqualand during my residence at Springvale, and especially from a large sum having been given for Clydesdale.

I have now visited every place in the Diocese where any Church work is going on, except a few outstations connected with St Marks, and have become pretty well acquainted with the needs of the Diocese. In order to bring before you our real wants, I had better enter into details of each Station.

<u>Clydesdale</u> At this place under the energetic, unwearied labours of Mr Button, there is a very great work going on. This Station was begun in the latter part of 1871 by the Revd G. Parkinson, who from ill health was obliged to leave Natal, and it received a very serious check for a time, and its real beginning may be reckoned from Feby. 1872 when Mr Button took charge of it. There was a dwelling house, and outhouse, but no Church accomodation, and of course no Church. Now there is a good School Chapel 45 ft × 20 surrounded by a broad verandah, which is enclosed at

St Marks'	£300. 0. 0
St Augustines, Native Teachers 30+20=	50. 0. 0
St Albans Native Teacher	30. 0. 0
St Johns, to make Mr Oxland's Income up to £200 a year	40. 0. 0
Revd Wm Ngcwensa	90. 0. 0
Clydesdale to make Mr Button's Income up to £200 a year	50. 0. 0
2 Teachers & Mr Windvogel £36+36. £80	152. 0. 0
Pupil Teacher	20. 0. 0
Enseleni	
Mr Broadbent	150. 0. 0
2 Pupil Teachers	40. 0. 0
~~Kokstad~~	
Miss Kirkpatrick	80. 0. 0
For Mr Dixon	125. 0. 0
— Priest when obtained	200. 0. 0
Mr Lanerlotte	12. 0. 0
£20 per cent, addition to Incomes See Minutes of Synod. p. 39	148. 0. 0
Necessary Diocesan Expenses including those of Diocesan Synod.	300. 0. 0
	1787. 0. 0

I assure you that if you make the above grant as full for 1876, it will only just enable me to meet the pressing necessities of the year. And I should be very glad indeed, if you would make me in addition a special grant to meet the expenses of the last year connected with Diocesan Synod, and other requirements

which I have been called upon to meet. I have sent Mr Cree and Mr Hanbury a detailed statement of my expenditure or Diocesan Account during the year ending October 31. 1875 which shows an expenditure of £3319„ 8. 5 over public grants to the Diocese; of course a very large portion of this has been expended in transport, travelling and building and will not be required next year. But other expenses of a similar character are sure to be incurred & I confess I do not see how it will be possible to administer the Diocese without a very considerable addition to the funds.

I must confess myself extremely disappointed at not being able to carry out my plans with greater rapidity and efficiency: I had not in any way anticipated the constant unceasing obstruction to the progress of work in Pondoland. I look back with regret, which it would be difficult to express how great it is, that my proposition to retain the oversight of my old stations was not acceded to. The wisdom of that proposition is more & more clear to me. I do not think I shall be far wrong in saying, that in some respects, the opposite plan has trebled my expenses, and increased my difficulties ten fold; whilst it has been attended with a serious disorganisation of the Station people at Springvale Highflats

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I had hoped to have had the Springvale Boys, and the Girls in an Institution here before this. And when I found it would be impossible to provide for their accomodation, and that unless they were placed in a suitable building under proper discipline they would be in a worse position here than at Springvale formerly, where we were constantly feeling the want of power effectually to superintend them, that I concluded to distribute them. I at first intended to open the Institution at Clydesdale under Mr Button, and removed the elder boys to Clydesdale for the purpose, but from a concurrence of causes, it fell through. Now some have left, one is Pupil Teacher at Clydesdale, two with Mr Broadbent as Pupil Teachers - two are likely to go to Mr Davis in the same capacity, and we have five little boys here, and shall shortly be joined by others.

Thus is one sense it may be said the whole year has been spent in beginning, & we seem to be beginning still

I am
My Dear Mr Bullock
Yours faithfully
Henry K Johns

I have not been able to obtain re-
turns from the several Missionaries to en-
able me to fill up the Printed Annual Re-
turn. I shall leave it for Mr. [illegible] to
fill up as soon as the returns reach me. I
send you a letter addressed to me by Mr
Broadbent, which will interest you, & give
you some idea of the character & [illegible]
of the [illegible]